

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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B2 [0021] (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Turning to Figure 2, the running board 12 has an elongated platform 14, that extends along the lateral side 6 of the vehicle. The platform 14 is molded from a special polymeric material such as polypropylene or other suitable alternatives reinforced by glass or polyester fibers. Preferably, the fibers will be equal or greater than 12[[++]] millimeters in length.

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B3 [0034] (CURRENTLY AMENDED) As mentioned previously, the present invention provides a running board 12 wherein the platform 14 and support bracket are integrally connected. The integral running board and support brackets provide a 20%[[++]] or greater weight advantage over a comparable metal running board and bracket assembly.

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